Bridge over the river at Samburvadakara.

270. *MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Shencotta*): Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken on the proposal to construct a bridge over the river at Samburvadakara?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): An estimate for the work is under preparation.

Text-Books for English Schools.

271. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of pages contained in and the number of pages that have to be studied in the following text-books prescribed for English Schools (for the school year 1933-34),

(i) Balasikshanam (ബാലശിക്ഷണം)
(ii) Sahityakoumudi (സാഹിത്യകൌമുദി)
(iii) Upanyasamala (ഉപന്യാസമാല)
(iv) Navapadyamalika (നവപദ്യമാലിക)
(v) Akbar (അക്ബർ)
(vi) Sahityakusumam (സാഹിത്യകുസുമം)
(vii) Sri Ramayana Manjari (ശ്രീരാമായണമഞ്ജരി)
(viii) Kavitaramam (കവിതാരാമം)
(ix) Patracharitam (പാത്രചരിതം)
(x) Sri Padmanabha Dasan (ശ്രീ പദ്മനാഭദാസൻ)
(xi) Padyamalika (പദ്യമാലിക)
(xii) Balaramayanam (ബാലരാമായണം)
(xiii) Kairaleekataksham (കൈരളീകടാക്ഷം)
(xiv) Balabhushanam (ബാലഭൂഷണം);

(*b*) the date on which the names of the text-books were published and the date on which the portions to be studied were intimated to the schools;

(*c*) whether they insisted upon the publication of the prescribed portions separately; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. R. M. STATHAM (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) A *statement furnishing the information asked for is placed on the table.

(*b*) *First Part*—18th April 1933.
Second Part—30th July 1933.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) It was too late in the school year to do this.

The Legislative Library.

272. *MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state, with reference to the answer to my question No. 5, given on 15th November 1933:

* *Vide* Appendix II.

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(*a*) whether an additional hand has been appointed in the Legislative Library; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether the suggestion to keep the Library open till 8 P. M. has been brought into effect as promised in the answer referred to above?

RAO SAHIB DR. N KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; temporarily.

(*b*) No. It has been ordered to be kept open till 6 P. M.

MR. A. S DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from what date onwards it has been ordered to be kept open till 6. P. M.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): From the 30th July 1934.

MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): May I know whether the member will be pleased to extend the time up to 7·30 P. M.?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): There are only two attenders, one of whom is temporary. I do not know if it is practicable to have the time extended till 7·30. Anyhow, the matter will be considered.

Bridge at Pallam Palam.

273. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a bridge existed at Pallam Palam over the Valli river on the Eraniel-Muttom road; and

(*b*) when and how the said bridge was destroyed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) Yes, before 1074 M. E.

(*b*) It is said to have been washed away during the floods of 1074 M. E.

Inspection of Pallam Palam by the Chief Engineer.

274. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Chief Engineer, along with the Executive Engineer, inspected Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road in 1109?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

Inspection of Pallam Palam by the Executive Engineer.

275. ❋**MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Executive Engineer of Nagercoil Division inspected Pallam Palam on the Eraniel-Muttom road, between 1100 and 1103?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Yes.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*): May I know how many times he has inspected?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Several times.

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